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E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GE

SUBJECT: PROPOSED CALL ON MAYOR OF EAST BERLIN

1. WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE GDR FOREIGN
MINISTRY WILL SOON PROPOSE THAT THE AMBASSADOR CALL
ON ERHARD KRACK, MAYOR OF EAST BERLIN.

2. KRACK'S NAME WAS INCLUDED ON A PRELIMINARY LIST OF
TEN SUGGESTED CALLS SUBMITTED BY THE GDR IN EARLY
JANUARY, TO WHICH WE RESPONDED WITH OUR OWN LIST OF
FORTY DESIRED CALLS ON GDR OFFICIALS ON WHICH KRACK'S
NAME WAS NOT INCLUDED. FOLLOWING A RECENT LULL IN
AMBASSADOR'S APPOINTMENTS WITH GDR OFFICIALS, GDR
FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE IMPLIED THAT HIS CALLS
WILL RESUME SOON AND HAVE REFERRED TO KRACK AS ONE OF
THE APPOINTMENTS THEY WILL BE PROPOSING.

3. A CALL ON THE MAYOR OF EAST BERLIN, ESPECIALLY THIS
SOON AFTER ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS, IS IN OUR
JUDGMENT PREMATURE. BOTH THE BRITISH AND FRENCH
AMBASSADORS IN EAST BERLIN HAVE CALLED ON KRACK AFTER
CONSULTATION WITH THEIR CAPITALS, BUT ONLY AFTER
COMPLETING MOST OF THEIR CALLS.

4. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT AMBASSADOR CALL ON KRACK
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FAIRLY FAR DOWN HIS LIST OF CALLS. THE BRITISH AND

FRENCH AMBASSADORS DID SO ON THE BASIS THAT KRACK IS
A MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL WITH RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE
AREA IN WHICH THEY HAPPEN TO RESIDE. THEIR CALLS WERE
BRIEF AND THE CONVERSATION WAS INOFFENSIVE.

5. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE.COOPER

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